GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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REFINERY IN TAMIL NADU
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any plans to start new refinery projects in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the existing petroleum refineries in Tamil Nadu are highly profit making and the demand for the refinery products are increasing day by day;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the total quantity and value of crude oil got refined in Tamil Nadu in the last three years, refinery-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a)&(b): No, Sir. However, there is a proposal of M/s. Nagarjuna Oil Corporation Limited to set up a 6 million metric tonnes per annum (MMTPA) refinery at Cuddalore, Tamil Nadu.

(c)&(d): Chennai Petroleum Corporation Limited (CPCL), Chennai a subsidiary of Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) has bee making profits from the second year of operation. The company made Profit After Tax (PAT) of Rs.63.71 crore during the year 2001-02. During the same period, the demand for petroleum products registered a modest growth of 0.4% over the previous year.

(e): The total quantity of crude oil refined in CPCL during the last three years and its value are as follows:-

	1999-2000	2000-2001	2001-02
Quantity (Thousand Metric Tonnes)	7012.09	2265.03	6688.80
(Value of crude Rs.crore)	4974.00	6275.76	5577.7 0